

AMENDED SET OF CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) The polymeric composition according to claim 10 of claim 1, wherein the film forming binder is selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyolefin and polyamide or blends thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) The polymeric composition according to claim 10 of claim 1, wherein the film forming binder is selected from the group consisting of polyacrylates, polyacrylic acid, polymethacrylates, polyvinyl acetates, co-polymer blends of vinyl acetate and ethylene/acrylic acid co-polymers, ethylene-acrylic acid copolymers, polyolefins, and natural and synthetic waxes.

4. (Currently Amended) The polymeric composition according to claim 10 of claim 1, wherein said film forming binder is an acrylic binder.

5. (Currently Amended) The polymeric composition according to claim 10 of claim 1, wherein said film forming binder is an ethylene acrylic acid copolymer dispersion.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The polymeric composition according to claim 10 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said film forming binder melts in the range of from about 65°C to about 180°C.

8. (Currently Amended) The polymeric composition according to claim 10 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said film forming binder is a thermoplastic polymer which melts in the range of from about 65°C to about 180°C and has a solubility parameter less than about 19 (MPa)^{1/2}.

9. (Currently Amended) The polymeric composition according to claim 14 ~~claim 6~~, wherein said acrylic binder is present in an amount of 74 parts by weight, said wax emulsion is present in an amount of 25 parts by weight, and said retention aid is present in an amount of 1 part by weight.

10. (Currently Amended) A coated transfer sheet comprising:
a substrate having a first and second surface; and
at least one release layer overlaying said first surface, said release layer comprising a film forming binder, and a wax emulsion

~~the composition according to claim 1; and~~

at least one image receiving layer overlaying said at least one release layer.

11. (Currently Amended) The coated transfer sheet ~~of~~ according to claim 10, which further comprises at least one image receiving layer overlaying said at least one release layer, said image receiving layer comprising wherein said at least one image receiving layer comprises an ethylene acrylic acid co-polymer dispersion.

12. (Original) The coated transfer sheet ~~of~~ according to claim 10, which further comprises a barrier in-between said first surface of the substrate and said release layer, wherein said barrier layer comprises a vinyl acetate-dibutyl maleate polymer dispersion.

13. (Currently Amended) The coated transfer sheet ~~of~~ according to claim 10 ~~claim 9~~, which further comprises an antistatic layer coated on said second surface of the substrate, wherein said antistatic layer comprises a quaternary ammonium salt solution.

14. (Currently Amended) A coated transfer sheet comprising:
a substrate having a first and second surface; and
at least one release layer overlaying said first surface, said
release layer comprising a film forming binder, a wax emulsion, and
a retention aid ~~the composition according to claim 6.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The coated transfer sheet ~~of~~
according to claim 14, which further comprises at least one image
receiving layer overlaying said at least one release layer, said
image receiving layer comprising an ethylene acrylic acid
co-polymer dispersion.

16. (Currently Amended) The coated transfer sheet ~~of~~
according to claim 14, which further comprises a barrier in-between
said first surface of the substrate and said release layer, wherein
said barrier layer comprises a vinyl acetate-dibutyl maleate
polymer dispersion.

17. (Currently Amended) The coated transfer sheet ~~of~~
according to claim 14, which further comprises an antistatic layer
coated on said second surface of the substrate, wherein said
antistatic layer comprises a quaternary ammonium salt solution.

18. (Currently Amended) The coated transfer sheet according to claim 14 ~~claim 6~~, wherein said retention aid is selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols, polymer latexes and silicates.

19. (Withdrawn) A method of applying an image to a receptor element which comprises the steps of:

- (i) imaging a coated transfer sheet according to claim 10;
- (ii) positioning the front surface of the transfer sheet against said receptor element,
- (iii) applying energy to the rear surface of the imaging system to transfer said image to said receptor element,
- (iv) optionally allowing the substrate to cool, and
- (v) removing the transfer sheet from the substrate.

20. (Currently Amended) The method ~~of~~ according to claim 19, wherein said imaging is provided by an electrostatic printer or copier.

21. (Withdrawn) A method of applying an image to a receptor element which comprises the steps of:

- (i) imaging a coated transfer sheet according to claim 14;
- (ii) positioning the front surface of the transfer sheet

against said receptor element,

(iii) applying energy to the rear surface of the imaging system to transfer said image to said receptor element,

(iv) optionally allowing the substrate to cool, and

(v) removing the transfer sheet from the substrate.

22. (New) A coated transfer sheet comprising:

a substrate having a first and second surface;

at least one release layer overlaying said first surface, said release layer comprising a film forming binder, and a wax emulsion; and

a barrier layer in-between said first surface of the substrate and said at least one release layer.

23. (New) The coated transfer sheet according to claim 22, wherein said barrier layer comprises a vinyl acetate-dibutyl maleate polymer dispersion.

24. (New) A coated transfer sheet comprising:

a substrate having a first and second surface;

at least one release layer overlaying said first surface, said release layer comprising a film forming binder, and a wax emulsion; and

an antistatic layer coated on said second surface of the substrate.

25. (New) The coated transfer sheet according to claim 24, wherein said antistatic layer comprises a quaternary ammonium salt solution.